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1 Overview

Language family:	Indo-European (Romance)
Countries:	Italy, Switzerland, San Marino, Vatican City, Slovenia, Istria County (Croatia)
Number of speakers:	67 million
Agreement features:	number, person
Attested word orders:	SV
Coordination types:	and, or

(The data were entered by a native speaker via an online survey.)

2 Patterns for number

2.1 Coordination with “and”

2.1.1 SV order

Pattern: The number on the verb is plural in all cases.

1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct	sg	pl
sg	pl	pl
pl	pl	pl

Examples:

- (1) il ragazzo e l-uomo corrono.
the.SG boy.SG and the.SG-man.SG run.3PL
‘The boy and the man run.’
- (2) a. i ragazzi e l-uomo corrono.
the.PL boy.PL and the.SG-man.SG run.3PL
‘The boys and the man run.’
b. il ragazzo e gli uomini corrono.
the.SG boy.SG and the.PL man.PL run.3PL
‘The boy and the men run.’
- (3) i ragazzi e gli uomini corrono.
the.PL boy.PL and the.PL man.PL run.3PL
‘The boys and the men run.’

2.2 Coordination with “or”

2.2.1 SV order

Pattern: The number on the verb is plural in all cases.

1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct	sg	pl
sg	pl	pl
pl	pl	pl

Examples:

- (4) il ragazzo o l-uomo corrono.
the.SG boy.SG or the.SG-man.SG run.3PL
‘The boy or the man run.’
- (5) a. I ragazzi o l-uomo corrono.
the.PL boy.PL or the.SG-man.SG run.3PL
‘The boys or the man run.’
b. il ragazzo o gli uomini corrono
the.SG boy.SG or the.PL man.PL run.3PL
‘The boy or the men run.’

- (6) i ragazzi o gli uomini corrono.
 the.PL boy.PL or the.PL man.PL run.3PL
 ‘The boys or the men run.’

3 Patterns for person

3.1 Coordination with “and”

3.1.1 SV order

Pattern: In all cases, person seems to be resolved according to the hierarchy $1 > 2 > 3$. (Note: number is resolved to plural.)

1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct	1	2	3
1		1pl	1pl
2	1pl		
3	1pl		

Examples:

- (7) a. tu e io corriamo.
 you and I run.1PL
 ‘You and I run.’
 b. Io e tu corriamo.
 I and you run.1PL
 ‘I and you run.’
- (8) a. Noi e loro corriamo.
 we and they run.1PL
 ‘We and they run.’
 b. Loro e noi corriamo.
 they and we run.1PL
 ‘They and we run.’

3.2 Coordination with “or”

3.2.1 SV order

Pattern: In all cases, person seems to be resolved according to the hierarchy $1 > 2 > 3$. (Note: number is resolved to plural.)

1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct	1	2	3
1		1pl	1pl
2	1pl		
3	1pl		

Examples:

- (9) a. Tu o io corriamo.
 you or I run.1PL
 ‘You or I run.’

- b. Io o tu corriamo.
I or you run.1PL
'I or you run.'
- (10) a. Noi o loro corriamo.
we or they run.1PL
'We or they run.'
- b. Loro o noi corriamo.
they or we run.1PL
'They or we run.'